Investment in ports and shipping

1000. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Government are considering to invest Rs. 61,000 crores on ports and Rs. 40,000 crores on shopping in the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects private players to pump in as much as Rs. 39,000 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government has taken up preparation of the National Maritime Development Programme which would include specific schemes and projects to be taken upto 2011-12. The total investment in the proposed Programme is estimated to be Rs. 1,00,000 crores comprising about Rs. 60,000 crores for port sector and about Rs. 40,000 crores for shipping and inland water transport sector.

(c) and (d) It is expected that Rs. 14256 crores would be invested by private sector in shipping and about Rs. 33,500 crores in port sector.

Inland Water Transport

1001. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme in force for developing Inland Water Transport in the country;

(b) if so, the features of the scheme;

(c) the names of the States in which it is in force;

(d) whether the State of Goa has given any proposal in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Development of only those inland waterways which are declared as National waterways come under the purview of the Central Government. The development and